

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An information processing apparatus comprising:
storage means for storing content data encrypted with an encryption key;
holding means for holding management information associated with said content data
stored in said storage means, wherein said management information includes calculation

information;

calculation means for performing a predetermined calculation on the basis of said
encryption key and said calculation information included in said management information,
said calculation information including update updatable information which is updated ~~with~~
upon execution of a predetermined operation performed on said content data predetermined
timing;

memory means for storing the result of the calculation performed by said calculation
means; and

control means for comparing the result of the calculation performed by said
calculation means with a previous calculation result stored in said memory means and
controlling use of said content data stored in said storage means in accordance with the result
of the comparison.

Claim 2 (Original): An information processing apparatus according to Claim 1,
wherein said calculation means performs said calculation by applying a hash function to said
calculation information and said encryption key.

Claim 3 (Original): An information processing apparatus according to Claim 1,
wherein:

said content data is music data;

said calculation information includes identification information identifying said music data; and

said holding means holds said update information in an area which is not allowed to be read or written for a general purpose.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): An information processing method comprising the steps of:

storing content data encrypted with an encryption key;

holding management information associated with said content data stored in said storage step, wherein said management information includes calculation information;

performing a predetermined calculation on the basis of said encryption key and said calculation information included in said management information, said calculation information including ~~update~~ updatable information which is updated ~~with~~ upon execution of a predetermined operation on said content data ~~predetermined timing~~;

~~memory means for memorizing the~~ storing a result of the predetermined calculation performed in said ~~calculation step~~; and

comparing the result of the calculation performed in said calculation step with a previous calculation result memorized in said memorizing step and controlling use of said content data stored in said storage step in accordance with the result of the comparison.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A program storage medium on which a program is stored, said program including the steps of:

storing content data encrypted with an encryption key;

holding management information associated with said content data stored in said storage step, wherein said management information includes calculation information;

performing a predetermined calculation on the basis of said encryption key and said calculation information included in said management information, said calculation information including ~~update~~ updatable information which is updated ~~with~~ upon execution of a predetermined operation on said content data ~~predetermined timing~~;

~~memory means for memorizing the~~ storing a result of the predetermined calculation ~~performed in said calculation step~~; and

comparing the result of the calculation performed in said calculation step with a previous calculation result memorized in said memorizing step and controlling use of said content data stored in said storage step in accordance with the result of the comparison.

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Claim 6 (New): An information processing apparatus, comprising:

a memory configured to hold therein,

content data encrypted with an encryption key; and

management information associated with said content data, wherein said management information includes calculation information;

a processor configured to perform a predetermined calculation on the basis of said encryption key and said calculation information, said calculation information including updatable information which is updated upon execution of a predetermined operation on said content data, and store a result of the predetermined calculation, wherein

said processor being configured to compare the result of the predetermined calculation with a previous calculation result and control a use of said content data stored in said storage means in accordance with the result of the comparison.

Claim 7 (New): The information processing apparatus of Claim 6, wherein said processor performs a hash function on said calculation information and said encryption key.

Claim 8 (New): The information processing apparatus of Claim 6, wherein:

said content data is music data;

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said calculation information includes identification information identifying said music data; and

said update information is stored in a portion of said memory which is not allowed to be read or written for a general purpose.
